Department of State Police

(Amounts In Thousands)

Funding History*

	FY90			FY01	FY02	FY03
GF/GP	$185,571.2			$321,355.6	$292,620.0	$289,946.8
All Funds	$235,121.3			$427,858.3	$411,783.8	$416,444.6
		% Change - GF/GP			-8.9%	-0.9%
		% Change - All Funds			-3.8%	1.1%

KEY ISSUES	GF/GP	All Funds
Statutory Fee Recommendations	$0.0	$3,050.0
Federal Revenue Adjustments	$0.0	$1,449.9
Fee Revenue Adjustments	$0.0	$3,305.3
Annualized Savings from Executive Order 2001-9	($1,603.8)	$0.0
Interdepartmental/Intradepartmental Grant Adjustments	$0.0	($2,087.0)
Motor Carrier Enforcement Adjustments	$0.0	($322.5)
Remove Implementation Funding for Concealed Weapons	($1,000.0)	($1,000.0)
Remove Funding for City of Detroit Grant	($721.1)	($721.1)
Adjustments to Reflect End of 1997 Early Retirement Payouts	($184.6)	($206.8)
Economic Adjustments	$4,188.8	$4,545.5
Staff Reductions Needed to Pay for Employee Economics (40.0 FTE's)	($3,380.1)	($3,380.1)
Other Adjustments	$27.6	$27.6
Subtotal	($2,673.2)	$4,660.8
FY 2003 Executive Recommendation	**$289,946.8**	**$416,444.6**

*FY 2002 funding amounts assume $4.5 million gross, $0 GF/GP, supplemental appropriations as recommended on November 6, 2001

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The Michigan Department of State Police began as a temporary, wartime emergency force to provide domestic security during World War I. In 1917, the Michigan State Troops Permanent Force, also known as the Michigan State Constabulary, was created consisting of five troops and 300 men. In 1919, the Constabulary was reorganized to become a permanent, peacetime Michigan State Police. Today, the Michigan State Police consists of a modern-day force of over 3,233 law enforcement professionals and support staff, using the latest up-to-date training and technology to protect the citizens of Michigan. What was once a cavalry of 300 men has now evolved into one of the leading police agencies of the United States.

The Governor's fiscal year 2003 recommendation for the Department of State Police reflects total funding of $416.4 million, $289.9 million general fund.

Achievements of Engler Administration

The development of computerized information technology has been a key to strategic law enforcement effectiveness. Several technological innovations have been implemented in the past decade.

- Michigan's Public Safety Communications System, a state-of-the-art 800 MHz communication system that provides the infrastructure for a statewide information highway, was established during the 1990's. The system is capable of transmitting voice messages and other critical law enforcement information instantaneously between the hundreds of public agencies comprising Michigan's criminal justice system.

- A Networked Automated Fingerprint Identification System which can receive digital fingerprint images transmitted from police agencies by electronic scanning devices at the time of arrest and booking was implemented. This system provides immediate positive identification, checks for a fingerprint match, and returns a criminal history record to the arresting agency.

- In 1996, the department linked to the Combined DNA Index System, a fully integrated local, state and national law enforcement system of DNA records. It utilizes technology to automate the comparison of unknown suspect DNA found at a crime scene with that of known offenders in a database.

"Expanding DNA profiling in Michigan has the potential to be the most significant advancement for crime solving this decade."

Governor John Engler, July 26, 2001

Other tools to help fight crime include a new state-of-the-art, high-tech forensic science laboratory that opened in April 2001. Law enforcement agencies across Michigan now have access to the latest techniques of DNA analysis. To protect the public and aid law enforcement, Michigan eliminated profiling backlogs and now collects DNA from all convicted felons.

Some of the technological advances available at the lab are lasers in latent fingerprint identification, robotics in toxicological analysis, and computerized image enhancement for fingerprints, tire tracks, and other kinds of impressions.

The Computer Crimes Unit was created in 2000 to work with local, federal and other state law enforcement agencies to address the emerging phenomenon of offenses involving computer technology. In conjunction, an Internet Crimes Against Children Hotline has been established. A statewide toll-free School Violence Hotline was also established as an option to report threats of violence on school property and is another example of a tool to make our schools safer.

Since 1991, when Governor Engler first took office, 1,082 troopers have graduated from the Training Academy. Twelve new state police trooper schools have been funded resulting in more troopers to patrol our streets and highways, investigate crimes, and respond to emergencies.

10 Year Comparison of Serious Crimes		
	1991	**2000**
Murder	1,003	674
Rape	7,248	5,068
Robbery	22,574	13,512
Aggravated Assault	43,378	35,481
Burglary	109,368	69,073
Larceny/Theft	317,248	228,618
Motor Vehicle Theft	62,636	54,855
Arson	4,739	4,592
Total Index Crime	**568,194**	**411,873**

Serious crime in Michigan has dropped substantially during the last decade. Since 1991, the level of serious crime has dropped 28 percent to the lowest level in nearly 30 years. The department has worked diligently to partner with local, state, and federal agencies in an effort to develop a multi-disciplinary approach to reducing crime and improving public safety.   This has resulted in greater coordination of responses to emergencies, disasters, arson and drug investigations, and anti-terrorism planning, as well as increased support for local training and communication services.

"The sharp drop in … crimes over the past ten years is due in part to the increased level of cooperation between local, county, and state law enforcement agencies."

Col. Michael Robinson, Director of the Michigan State Police, September 24, 2001

In addition, the department is responsible for the annual inspection of all school buses operating within the state. With approximately 17,800 vehicles transporting 850,000 students over 10 million miles annually, the department remains committed to its comprehensive school bus inspection program.

Response to Revenue Decline
During the past year, state agencies were forced to reduce spending in order to bring expenditure levels in line with available funding. The Department of State Police reduced general fund spending by $8.6 million over the past two fiscal years without compromising their core mission of protecting the citizens of Michigan. Reductions were achieved through operational efficiencies, staff

vacancy savings and by increasing fees for a number of services including fingerprint analysis, background checks, and private security/private detective licensure. In addition, assessments on civil infractions were increased to fund secondary road patrol grants to local sheriff departments. Beginning in fiscal year 2003, secondary road patrol grants to county sheriff departments will be 100% funded via restricted revenues, resulting in a general fund savings of $1.6 million.

Summary of Fiscal Year 2003 Executive Budget
The fiscal year 2003 budget recommendation continues the reductions implemented in fiscal year 2002. Legislative support is recommended to permanently adjust fees previously increased via Executive Order in fiscal year 2002. In addition, the Governor's budget includes $1.4 million in federal revenues and $3.3 million in fees to be used for anti-terrorism equipment, DNA processing and auto theft prevention grants. Available fee revenue will be used to administer the concealed weapons program, thus saving $1.0 million general fund. An additional $4.1 million general fund savings will be realized by eliminating a grant to the City of Detroit and through staff reductions to pay for salary and wage economics.

Program Outcomes	Fiscal Year			
	2000	2001	2002	2003
To enhance public safety, increase the percentage of crimes solved	59%	60%	61%	63%
In order to reduce traffic fatalities on Michigan roads, increase the percent of motorists using safety belts	83.5%	85%	87%	88.5%
Reduce traffic fatalities (rate per 100 million vehicle miles traveled)	1.5	1.4	1.4	1.4
To improve crime solutions through DNA analysis, increase percentage of cases processed	89%	90%	94%	94%